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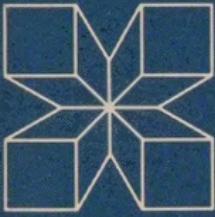
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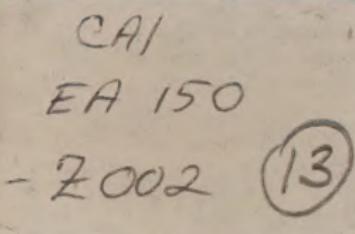
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The Library provides information and library services as well as training and advice to IDRC staff, recipients of IDRC support, and Canadians involved in governmental, academic, and voluntary institutions concerned with Third World development. Training is also offered to the personnel of international organizations who are responsible for establishing information guidelines and standards. As resources permit, the Library also answers requests from institutions in developing countries, international organizations, and institutions in other developed countries. In close collaboration with the Information Sciences Division of IDRC, the Library acts as a "test-bed" for technological and bibliographical developments and standards.

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Special collections are also kept by the Centre's Library.

- The Brundtland Collection contains background papers, written submissions, tapes and transcripts, and minutes of the World Commission on Environment and Development.
- An archival collection contains IDRC-supported publications, material written by Centre staff, and publications about the Centre and its activities.
- InfoQuest is a collection of files containing current material (annual reports and brochures) describing over 2 500 organizations, research centres, and government departments located in Canada and abroad whose activities relate to IDRC's interests. This special collection also includes country files describing the current political, social, and economic conditions in developing countries.
- A microforms collection includes copies of IDRC publications, documents from the Sahel collection of the University of Michigan, and documents listed in four data bases: DEVSIS, SALUS, UNIDO, and AID.

Access to the Collection

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To nonprofit organizations, the Library offers access to 11 data bases: 6 are in-house, IDRC data bases; 5 are from other international organizations. This service is provided free to more than 120 organizations around the world. Users must, however, pay telecommunication costs.

- ACRONYM: Acronyms relating to the interests of IDRC.
- BIBLIOL: The collection in the IDRC Library.
- DEVSIS: Development literature published in Canada.
- SALUS: Low-cost rural health care.
- IDRIS: Inter-Agency Development Research Information System — projects of IDRC, International Foundation for Science (IFS), Swedish Agency for Research Cooperation with Developing Countries (SAREC), Board on Science and Technology for International Development (BOSTID), German Appropriate Technology Exchange (GATE), United Nations University (UNU), and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).
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MEDLARS

The Library serves as the Canadian centre for MEDLARS searches in response to requests from developing countries.

Tours

Guided tours and orientation to the Library's facilities and services are provided upon request to individuals or groups.

Facilities

The Library is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. During this time, the following facilities are available:

- A photocopier for duplicating library materials; there is a charge for this service;
- Microfiche/microfilm readers and printers; there is a charge for copying microfiche into print;
- Study carrels for research and study.

For More Information

For more information on the Library and bibliographic services offered at IDRC, please write, telephone, or visit the Head Office at 250 Albert Street in Ottawa, Canada.

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For information on IDRC's library services in the developing world, contact the Library Manager in the appropriate regional office (addresses are listed on back panel).



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